

Community Outreach Events

The Western Center for Historic Preservation (WCHP) hosted two functions in FY 2007 to facilitate an open house for community members and the preservation community. The purpose of this event was to showcase some of the Park's accomplishments and discuss future plans for the preservation of park cultural resources. The first event was held for



National Trust Open House, Former White Grass employee Rachel Trahern describes ranch history

the Teton County Historic Preservation Board and the Jackson Hole Historical Society and Museum on June 11.

A tour around the WCHP facility in Moose was provided giving board members a chance to see the woodworking shop. The remainder of the day consisted of a van tour, highlighting some of our recent preservation projects as well as projects being planned for future work.

The second event was hosted in partnership with the National Trust for Historic Preservation to provide potential donors and members of the preservation community an opportunity to preview plans for the rehabilitation of White Grass Ranch.

This partnership, which provides for the rehabilitation of the ranch as a preservation center, was finalized in February through a fund raising agreement between the trust and the NPS. A luncheon was coordinated by the trust and held in the main lodge for this group, many of which were former dudes or wranglers at White Grass when it operated as a guest ranch.

Grants & Funding

The WCHP received a \$25,000 Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund grant to rehabilitate White Grass Ranch cabin #15. The grant was a partnership between the state and federal governments enabling a total of \$50,000 in matching funds to complete the project. Cabin #15 was one of two cabins to be substantially rehabilitated this year for use by the preservation center.

The park received \$236,000 in project funds from Cultural Cyclic and Recreational fee dollars this year for the treatment of 8 park historic structures. Cyclic funds provided funding to re-roof three Beaver Creek structures, Manges Cabin, Estes Cabin at the Murie Center and Fee dollars provided treatment for Bar BC carncross cabin, and the main lodge.

Research Projects, List of Classified Structures Update

The Menor's Ferry national register nomination was updated to include more accurate historical data concerning the use and history of the buildings. A determination of eligibility was also completed for the structures within the Menor's Ferry Historic District that had not previously been included in the 1969 nomination. Similarly, determinations of eligibility were also completed for the Luther Taylor Cabins and cultural landscape

features at White Grass Dude Ranch. An evaluation and determination of eligibility for Lower Berry Creek Patrol Cabin was also completed.

Additionally, work with the Intermountain Regional office's LCS staff resulted in improved and updated LCS entries for the Park which will help to frame the park-wide historic structures management plan currently in progress. Records for Jackson Lake lodge, 4 Lazy F Dude Ranch, and Wolf Ranch (among others) were added to the database, bringing Grand Teton National Park's number of LCS structures from 269 to 324.



White Grass Cabin #15, HS-1155

White Grass Cabin 15 #1155 This cabin was completely rehabilitated during the summer. The cabin was lifted, new foundations poured, deteriorated wall logs and roof purlins repaired, windows and doors were replaced with reproductions fabricated in the preservation shop, and a new roof installed. Additionally, a new floor was installed and the main door widened to provide handicap accessibility.

White Grass Hammond Cabin & Bath House

The bath house and Hammond cabin were completely cleaned out and stabilized for the winter. Vegetation causing

deterioration on the sides of the buildings was removed. A temporary metal roof was added to the bath house to help protect the building from strong winds and heavy snows until a full roof replacement can be completed. Non-historic materials such as added walls were removed from the interior of both buildings.

White Grass Site Utilities A \$360,000 Utility contract was awarded to construct a water system, a new well house, waste water system and primary electrical system. By the end of summer 100% of the waste water system was completed and 50% of the electrical/water system was constructed. A contract for the completion of design and construction documents was also awarded to A & E Architects to be completed in the spring of 2008.

White Grass Cabin 1154 A new concrete foundation was poured for cabin 1154. A continuous foundation was used for this cabin and a new technique was implemented with inserted 'I'-beams underneath to temporarily support the cabin while the foundation was being poured.

Bar BC Ranch

The Carncross cabin and the main lodge were stabilized. Work at the Carncross cabin, include removal of debris from the collapsed roof and stabilization of the four walls and masonry chimney. The main cabin received a temporary roof to protect the existing walls from further deterioration and the east wall was removed to clean up previous demolition of the east wing initiated back in the 1980's.

Manges Cabin

A deteriorated roof at Manges cabin was replaced in-kind. Work required the replacement of two 32" roof purlins. Repairs were made to the rest of the purlins with epoxy-filler patches. Deteriorated , roofing boards, and roof caps were replaced where necessary or repaired in-kind.

The Murie Center

The back porch at the Estes cabin was restored which corrected a sagging floor and deteriorated sill logs had caused the porch to slope dramatically. Work included replacement of sill logs and the installation of new concrete piers to correct settling deficiencies.

The Brinkerhoff Lodge

Three new screen doors were fabricated and/or repaired on the north and west elevations. Log steps on the north elevation were repaired to correct a safety hazard.

AMK Ranch

Design, compliance and planning was completed in consultation with engineers from University of Wyoming for replacement of the wood roof, electrical rehab and installation of an alarm system at Johnson lodge. Work for these three tasks began this fall with the partial replacement of the wood roof and will continue next spring when the facility reopens.

Yellowstone, Norris Bookstore

The center completed rehabilitation work on the Norris Bookstore at the request of the park Historical Architect Herb Dawson. Work was completed in collaboration with the Michigan volunteers group to replace rafters, repair log crowns and rafter tails.